Wildlife Sanctuary is under submission to the Govt, of Karnataka but the final orders are yet to be issued.

(b) No, Sir. Collection of dead wood for the bonafied requirements of the local people as such do not lead to deforestation.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up a special Haj Cell

5605. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a special Haj Cell;

(b) if so, what is its composition and the activity for the last three years alongwith the assistance/ facilities offered to Haj Pilgrims in India and aborad; and

(c) whether the Haj pilgrims this year are being discriminated when Air India is not orgranising flights for them and the difference in services and cost involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes Sir. There is a Haj Cell in the Ministry of External Affairs.

(b) The Haj Cell has an Officer on Special Duty, a Section Officer, two Assistants and a clerk. Its strength and facilities are augmented during the Haj season. There is a join Secretary in charge of the Haj Cell whose activities are overseen by Secretary and at the Ministerial-leveL

Haj Cell is the nodal point in the Government of India for coordinating all arrangements for Haj. It laises with the Central and State Haj' Committees, various Minisr tries of the Government of India like Civil Aviation, Surface Transport, Home Affairs and Finance, and our Missions in Saudi Arabia far makcing arrangements for the Haj ptigtims.

Assistance and facilities offered to pilgrims include fixation of Haj quota, release of foreign exchange, carriage of pilgrims by air/sea, accommodation in the two holy cities in Suadi Arabia, pre-departure immigration/health formalities, work connected with the Haj Goodwill Delegation, despatch of Building Renting Delegation and Building Selection Team, medical/administrative contingents to Saudi Arabia, supply of meaicines for the benefit of pilgrims, despatch of Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj (Haj volunteers) from various states and review of the arrangements with a view to improving facilities and services.

(c) No, Sir.

There is no discrimination against Haj pilgrims. Air charters are being organised by Air India which is unable to provide them on its own without disruption of its own flights due to capacity constraints. The charter services are upto acceptable international standards.

The cost of the charter is not fully passed on to the pilgrims. For Haj 1994, as against cnarter cost of Rs. 17,000/- per pilgrim the Haj fare has been fixed at Rs. 12000/-.

Treaty signed between India and Bhutan

5606. SHRI RATNA BHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(s) what are the details of the treaty signed between India and Bhutan in 1949;

(b) whether any other agreements were signed between the two countries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) : SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) The text of peace and freindship treaty between India and Bhutan ot 8th August, 1949

is available in the Parliament Library. (b) and (c) Agreemeuts signed between India and Bhutan since 1949 are listed in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Title of Convention/Treaty/Agreement	Date of Signature
	BHUTAN	
1.	Agreement between the Government of India and Bhutan about the implementation of the Jaldhaha Hydro-electric Project	13-9-1961
2.	Agreement for the Exchange of Correspondence between the Postal Administration of India and the Postal Administration of Bhutan	11-9-1962
3.	Amendment of Article 8 of the Treaty between India and Bhutan of 1949 regarding Extradition	26-8-1959
4.	Arrangement for the Exchange of Money Orders between the Postal Administration of India and Bhutan	21-4-1967
5.	Agreement between the Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan regarding the CHUKHA Hydro-Electric Project in Bhutan	23-3-1974
6.	Agreement between the State Bank of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan	22-6-1987
7.	Indo-Bhutan Agreement on Trade & Commerce	2-3-1990
8.	Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bhutan regarding Air Services	19-6-1990
9.	Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bhutan regarding Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for the Tala Hydroelectric Project and the Wangchu Reservoir Scheme	25-11-1990
10.	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan regarding the Sankosh Multipurpose Project.	4-1-1993
11.	Exchange of Letters on Paro Airport Terminal Complex	17-3-1993
12.	Protocol to the Agreement between the Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan regarding the Chukha Hydro-Electric Project (rescheduling of the loan repayment and power tariff).	13-5-1993
13.	Agreement between the Government of India and Royal Government of Bhutan regarding Kurichu Hydro-electrice Project	18-2-1994

Discussions with Swedish Delegation

5607, SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

WiU the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation led by Kind Karl XVI of Sweden visited India for augmentation of ties between the two countries, including the economic and trade ties; and

(b) if so, what were the main subjects discussed with the delegation and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The King of Sweden paid a State visit to India from 10—18 October 1993.

(b) In the margins of the State visit, talks were held between, the-